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SUBJ: THE FNLA VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

1. EMBOFF AND VISITING INR ANALYST MOOSE MET OCT 30 WITH KINSHASA-BASED FNLA OFFICIAL PAUL TUBA. TUBA STUDIED IN PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK (WHERE HE WAS SCHOOLMATE OF UNITA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY JORGE SANGUMBA) BEFORE JOINING FNLA HIERARCHY IN LATE '60'S, AND SERVED AS FNLA REP AT UN IN EARLY '70'S. HE EXPLAINED THAT OWING TO JOHNNY EDUARDO PINNOCK'S ILLNESS, DESCRIBED AS BRAIN HEMORRHAGE, HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED PRINCIPAL FNLA SPOKES-

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MAN IN KINSHASA.

2. FRICTION WITH UNITA. TUBA CONFESSED PURPOSE OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO NOVA LISBOA TO PATCH UP DIFFICULTIES WITH UNITA. ONE MAJOR FNLA GRIEVANCE IS UNITA'S FAILURE TO CREDIT FNLA FOR JOINT OPERATIONS STEMMING FROM UNITA'S DESIRE TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT IT ALONE CONTROLS THE SOUTH. FNLA COMMANDOS FIGHTING WITH UNITA PARTICULARLY BITTER AND CONTENTIOUS THIS NONRECOGNITION. TUBA ALLEGED THAT RECENT VICOTIRES CLAIMED BY UNITA WERE REALLY FNLA/UNITA OPERATIONS AND THAT FNLA ACTUALLY HAS MANY FOLLOWERS IN SOUTH. TO ILLUSTRATE, TUBA REFERRED TO FOLLOWING EPISODE AT NOVA LISBOA: UPON ARRIVAL OF OAU COMMISSION AT AIRPORT, "UNDISCIPLINED MILITANTS" OF FNLA PUSHED THEIR WAY TO THE FORE AND GREETED COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF FNLA, MUCH TO UNITA'S ANNOYANCE. TUBA ALSO CHARGED

THAT UNITA SEEKING TO FOSTER HOSTILITY BETWEEN CHIPENDA AND ROBERTO FOLLOWERS WITHIN FNLA, WHERE NO RIVALRY OSTENSIBLY EXISTS.

3. COMMENT: CLEARLY, DIFFICULTIES IN FNLA/UNITA COOPERATION MORE SERIOUS THAN TUBA WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT TUBA PLANS SECOND TRIP TO NOVA LISBOA IN NEAR FUTURE TO CONTINUE CONCILIATION EFFORTS. TUBA WAS EQUALLY UNCONVINCING ON CHIPENDA'S LACK OF PERSONAL AMBITION, WHICH EVIDENTLY IS PLACING ADDED STRAINS ON FNLA LEADERSHIP.

4. MILITARY SITUATION: FNLA AND MOBUTU ARE DETERMINED TO ENTER LUANDA BY NOV 11, BUT EXPECT A HARD FIGHT. TUBA EXPRESSED FNLA'S INTENSE CONCERN THAT USSR WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO MPLA AFTER NOV 11. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT FNLA/UNITA DEPRIVE MPLA OF ITS ACCESS TO AS MANY PORTS AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY LUANDA. FNLA WAS TO ERECT ON OCT 30 A TEMPORARY BRIDGE OVER THE BENGU RIVER AT QUIFANGONDO TO REPLACE THOSE DESTROYED BY MPLA IN ORDER TO CONTINUE MARCH TOWARD LUANDA. TUBA VERY CONCERNED BY INFORMATION FROM SAVIMBI THAT SOVIET MIG-21'S ENROUTE TO ANGOLA AND ASKED WHETHER USG OFFICIALS COULD CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

5. UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: SOURCE EXPECTS MPLA UDI ON NOV 11, AND BELIEVES PORTUGUESE WILL SIMPLY WALK OUT WITHOUT SIGNING POWER OVER TO ANYONE. ANTICIPATES 12-13 AFRICAN STATES MAY RECOGNIZE MPLA, PLUS USSR AND SATELLITES, BUT NOT
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VIET NAMS OR NORTH KOREA. UNITA AND FNLA IN MIDST OF DRAWING UP CONSTITUTION BASED ON FUNDAMENTAL LAW, DRAFTED BY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, WILL FORM GOVERNMENT WITH MINISTRIES EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN MOVEMENTS. GOVERNMENT PROBABLY WILL BE BASED IN NOVA LISBOA, EVEN IF LUANDA IS TAKEN, BECAUSE OF "SECURITY REASONS." SAYS ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA WILL PUBLICLY WELCOME FNLA/UNITA UDI, OTHERS WILL FOLLOW.

6. OAU: TUBA EXPECTS NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE FROM OAU CONCILIATION COMMISSIONS. CLAIMS THAT FNLA/UNITA ENJOYS VARYING DEGREES OF SYMPATHY OF TOGO, LESOTHO, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, ZAMBIA, MOROCCAN DELEGATION ON OAU FACT-FINDING GROUP SHOWED COMPREHENSION OF FNLA PRESENTATION. KENYATTA RECENTLY TOLD FNLA DELEGATION THAT KENYA WILL SOON JOIN ZAIRE IN ACTIVE SUPPORT OF FNLA/UNITA. TUNISIA FIRMLY IN FNLA/UNITA CAMP. AMIN REGARDED AS "UNSTABLE," BEING LEFT TO MOBUTU TO HANDLE. EGYPT AND LIBYA ARE UNPREDICTABLE. NIGERIA NOT LIKELY TO PLAY A KEY ROLE BECAUSE OF RECENT COUP. TANZANIA NOT THAT FRIENDLY WITH MPLA AND WILL AVOID STRAINING ITS RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE.
COMMENT: TUBA SEEMED UNDULY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SYMPATHIES OF SOME AFRICAN STATES, NOTABLY TANZANIA.

7. UN: FNLA DOES NOT FAVOR UN ACTION, SEES IT AS UNLIKELY BECAUSE OF OAU DIVISIONS, AND DOUBTS PORTUGAL WILL DROP ANGOLA IN LAP OF UN. TUBA SEES REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT CONTINUED MPLA REVERSES MAY PROMPT DESPERATION MOVE BY USSR TO FORCE UN ACTION IN ORDER TO SAVE ITS ALLY. FNLA HAS NO ONE CURRENTLY AT UN PREPARED TO DEFEND ITS CAUSE IF ISSUE IS RAISED THERE.

8. CABINDA: TUBA STATED THAT FNLA/UNITA HAD DEFERRED ACTION IN CABINDA BECAUSE BOTH MOVEMENTS TOO PREOCCUPIED ELSEWHERE TO OPEN ANOTHER FRONT. NEVERTHELESS, BOTH MOVEMENTS CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE THAT MPLA BE OUSTED FROM ENCLAVE SOON AFTER NOV 11, BY DEC 1 AT THE LATEST. MOBUTU NOW PREPARED TO SUPPORT JOINT FNLA/UNITA RATHER THAN FLEC MOVE INTO CABINDA, AND TUBA EXPECTS ZAIRIAN MILITARY TO "MAKE A CONTRIBUTION" TO THE CAMPAIGN. HE CLAIMED SATISFACTION WITH MOBUTU'S RECENTLY ALTERED POSITION ON CABINDA AND HIS APPARENT "LEASHING OF FLEC, WHICH TUBA SAID RESULTED FROM MOBUTU'S NO LONGER RECEIVING "BAD ADVICE" ON THE SUBJECT.
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